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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 #12

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE PATENT APPLICATION

OF: Masaaki HARASAWA et al.

| ART UNIT: 2839

SERIAL NO.: 10/017,983

| CONFIRMATION NO. 8381

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FOR: Electric Connector for
Electrically Connecting a
Wire of One Article to a
Contact of Another Article
(as amended)

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September 15, 2003

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Dear Sir:

- 1) This is a petition for an extension of two (2) months to be added to the original term of three months for responding to the Final Office Action mailed on: April 14, 2003. Filing the Response on Monday, September 15, 2003 is timely since September 14, 2003 was a Sunday.
- 2) Applicant is a Large Entity. Fee Payment: \$410.00 (Large Entity). Our Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) is enclosed to cover the extension fee. Any fee deficiency or additional fee may be charged to Deposit Account 50-0507.
- 3) A Response is being filed simultaneously herewith.

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